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## FINAL ASSESSMENTS AND PRELIMINARY BRAC VOTE JULY 31, 2007 (Options are ordered by Sector number.)

### Sector Abbreviations:

AF = Agriculture/Forestry; CC = Cross Cutting; ES = Energy Supply; RCI = Residential/Commercial/Industrial;  
TL = Transportation/Land Use

### Priority – High, Medium, or Low

#### Considerations:

- How much “bang for the buck” in terms of cost and CO<sub>2</sub>e reduction potential?
- Is it critical to the accomplishment of an end result? (Keep in mind that some options are “enablers.”)
- Can we assign it a higher priority, if we can’t afford to do it?
- Does it have an immediate or a long-term pay-off?

### Bins – Address Difficulty

BIN A: **"No-Brainers"** - Benefit appears to be high; it can be readily implemented; changes to existing laws and regulations are minimal or will be readily supported; the cost is modest or reasonable; and there is little or no harm associated with it.

BIN B: **"Worth Consideration"** - Most of the Bin A conditions can be met and the rest can be met with some effort. It is the opinion of the group that the effort required, in terms of cost and do-ability, are worth the benefit gained.

BIN C: **"Difficult"** - While the idea may have merit, the cost and/or effort required to make it work will either be very difficult but something that needs to be done OR may not be worth the benefit realized. There is a likely probability of significant impact OR "unintended consequences" other than cost to implement.

BIN D: **"Need more information"** - The option is too general/vague or not enough analytical information can be obtained to evaluate in the time allowed.

POLICY OPTION	ASSESSMENT/Vote	BRAC
ES-23 Transmission System Upgrading	High Priority. Bin B.	<b>18</b>
TL-1 – Develop and Implement Aggressive Mass Transit Strategy	High Priority. Bin B.	<b>18</b>

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TL-10 - Idle-Reduction Program	High Priority. Bin B.	18
AF-9 - Promote Urban and Community Trees	High Priority. Bin A.	17
ES-8 Develop CO <sub>2</sub> Capture and Sequestration Policy	High Priority. Bin B.	17
ES-17 Efficiency Improvements	High Priority. Bin A.	17
RCI-1 – Utility Demand Side Management	High Priority. Bin A.	17
RCI-20 - Incentives for Improved Design and Construction (e.g. Energy Star, LEED, green buildings, expedited permitting)	High Priority. Bin A.	17
TL-7 - Promote Low-Carbon Fuels and Vehicle Technologies (Statewide)	High Priority. Bin A.	17
TL-8 - State Fleet Lead by Example	High Priority. Bin A.	17
ES-5 Tax Credits and Incentives for Renewable Energy	High Priority. Bin A.	16
ES-11 Incentives for Advanced Fossil Fuel Technologies that Yield Carbon Reduction Benefits	High Priority. Bin B.	16
ES-19 Retrofit Plants w/CO <sub>2</sub> Capture	High Priority. Bin C. <i>10/20 Bin D</i>	16
RCI-8 - State Appliance Efficiency Standards	High Priority. Bin A.	16
RCI-23 - Waste/Recycling	High Priority. Bin A.	16
TL-9 - Clean Car Program	High Priority. Bin B.	16
AF-1 - Promote Production of Biomass Fuels	High Priority. Bin B.	15
ES-22 Remove Transmission/Distribution System Limitations and other Infrastructure Barriers for Renewables and other Clean Distributed Generation	High Priority. Bin B.	15
TL-2 – Quality Growth Program	High Priority. Bin A. <i>16/18</i>	15
TL-13 - Education Program	High Priority. Bin A.	15
AF-7 - Protect Forestland by Reduced Conversion to Non-forest Uses (urban, suburban, and rural lands)	High Priority. Bin B.	14
CC-1 - GHG Registry	High Priority. Bin A/B	14
CC-3 - Public Education and Outreach	High Priority. Bin A.	14
CC-8 - Evaluate Existing Climate Proposals at the Regional, Federal and International Levels	High Priority. Bin A.	14
RCI-2 - Voluntary efficiency targets	High Priority. Bin A.	14
RCI-12 - State Promotion and Tax or Other Incentives for Efficient Products (e.g. EnergyStar)	High Priority. Bin B.	14
RCI-21 - Improved Building Codes	High Priority. Bin A.	14

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AF-6 - Preserve Open Space/Agricultural Land	High Priority. Bin B.	13
CC-7 - Guidelines for Climate Policy (in general); Coordination with other Policies	High Priority. Bin A.	13
ES-7 <b>Renewable Energy and Energy Storage</b> Research and Development	High Priority. Bin B.	13
ES-10 <b>Carbon Capture and Sequestration</b> Research and Development	High Priority. Bin B.	13
RCI-7 - Distributed Generation with Renewable Energy Applications	High Priority. Bin B. <i>16/20</i>	13
RCI-9 - Solar Hot Water and Photovoltaic Codes for New Buildings	Medium Priority. Bin B.	13
TL-4 - Trip Reduction, Rideshare, Vanpool, Telecommuting	<b>High</b> Priority. Bin <b>A</b> . <i>19/19</i>	13
ES-12 Landfill Gas/Waste to Energy that Yield Carbon Reduction Benefits	Medium Priority. Bin A.	12
ES-15 Nuclear Development	Low Priority. Bin C. <i>5/20 Bin B.</i>	12
TL-6 – “Buy Local” Program	Medium Priority. Bin B.	12
TL-14 – Explore Funding Options for the Suite of Transportation and Land Use Options	High Priority. Bin B.	12
AF-13 – Increase Forest Health (pest/disease, invasive species) Risk Reduction Programs	High Priority. Bin B.	11
CC-2-GHG Target	High Priority. Bin B. <i>9/20 Bin C.</i>	11
ES-1 Renewable Portfolio Standard	High Priority. Bin B. <i>3/20 Bin C.</i>	11
ES-3 Green Power Purchases and Marketing	<b>High</b> Priority. Bin A. <i>20/20</i>	11
RCI-6 - Distributed Generation with Combined Heat and Power Systems (including Reducing Barriers)	High Priority. Bin <b>B</b> . <i>19/20</i>	11
CC-4 - Research and Development into Low/no Carbon Energy Strategies	High Priority. Bin A. <i>9/20 Bin C.</i>	10
RCI-5 - Rate Design	High Priority. Bin <b>A</b> . <i>17/20</i>	10
RCI-11 - Government Lead by Example w/ Mandatory Efficiency Targets	High Priority. Bin A.	9
AF-12 – Increase Fire Management and Risk Reduction Programs	High Priority. Bin A.	8
CC-5 - Climate Adaptation Strategies and Policies	High Priority. Bin B.	8
CC-6 - Regional/State Cap and Trade Program, Carbon Tax, or Hybrid	High Priority. Bin B. <i>4/19 Bin C</i>	8

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ES-2 Create Renewable Energy Development Zones	High Priority. Bin B.	8
ES-21 Incentives and Barrier Reductions for CHP and DG	High Priority. Bin B. 19/20	8
RCI-4 - Green Power Purchasing	Medium Priority. Bin A.	8
RCI-10 - Energy Management Training / Training of Building Operators	Medium Priority. Bin B.	8
RCI-15 - Reinvestment Fund	Medium Priority. Bin B.	8
RCI-19 - Water Pumping, Treatment, and Use Efficiency	Medium Priority. Bin B.	8
AF-5 - Convert Land to Grassland or Forests	High Priority. Bin B. 13/14.	7
RCI-14 - Fuel Switching to Less Carbon-Intensive Fuels	Medium Priority. Bin D.	7
RCI-17 - Participation in Voluntary Industry-Government Partnerships	Medium Priority. Bin B.	7
TL-11 - Vehicle Speed Reduction	High Priority. 10/18 Bin B. 16/18	7
AF-2 – Improve Manure Management	Medium Priority. Bin B.	6
ES-4 Public Benefit Charge	High Priority. Bin B.	6
ES-6 Pricing and Metering Strategies	High Priority. Bin B.	6
ES-16 Generation or Emissions Performance Standards	High Priority. Bin B. 5/20 Bin C.	6
ES-9 Issues for CO <sub>2</sub> Transmission	High Priority. Bin B.	5
ES-20 Retire Old Plant; Build New Low-Carbon Greenfield Plant	High Priority. Bin B. 9/20 Bin C.	4
ES-24 GHG emissions reduction from fuel combustion in extraction operations	Low Priority. Bin C.	4
RCI-3 - Regional Market Transformation Alliance	Medium Priority. Bin D.	4
RCI-16 - Focus on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)	High Priority. Bin D. 12/20	4
TL-3- Pay-As-You-Drive Insurance	Medium Priority. 12/19 Bin B. 2/19 Bin C.	4
AF-8 – Encourage Afforestation and or Restoration of Nonforest Land	Medium Priority. Bin D.	3
ES-18 Fuel Switching	Medium Priority. Bin D.	3
ES-25 GHG Leakage reduction program	Low Priority. Bin C/D	3
TL-12- Feebates (Fee on High GHG Vehicles; Rebates on Low GHG vehicles)	Medium Priority. Bin C.	3

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AF-3 - Change Livestock Feed and Improve Productivity to Reduce Methane Emissions	Medium Priority. Bin B.	<b>2</b>
AF-4 – Encourage Innovative Soil Mgmt.	Medium Priority. Bin B.	<b>2</b>
AF-10 – Promote Reforestation, Proper Stocking, and Density Management of Managed Stands	Medium Priority. Bin C.	<b>2</b>
AF-15 Expand Use of Forest Biomass Feedstocks for Energy Production (Fuel Blending and Switching)	Medium Priority. Bin D.	<b>2</b>
RCI-18 - Process Changes/ Optimization	Not enough information to prioritize; Bin D	<b>2</b>
RCI-22 - Alternative Gases/Leak Reduction	Not enough information to prioritize; Bin D	<b>2</b>
TL-5 - Explore Shared Vehicle Ownership Programs (e.g. Flex-car, Zipcar)	Medium Priority. Bin D.	<b>2</b>
AF-11 – Develop and Implement Best Management Practices for Biomass Removal	Medium Priority. Bin C.	<b>1</b>
AF-14 – Expand Use of Wood Products for Building Materials	Medium Priority. Bin B.	<b>1</b>
ES-13 Fuel Cell Development	Low Priority. Bin B.	<b>1</b>
ES-14 Hydrogen Development	Low Priority. Bin C.	<b>1</b>
RCI-13 - Increased use of blended cement	Not enough information to prioritize; Bin D.	<b>0</b>